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Transportation Update

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Infrastructure Bond Pushed to November Ballot

As widely reported, negotiations on an infrastructure bond for the June ballot failed. President ProTem of the Senate Don Perata has now challenged the various parties to try for the November ballot. Hopes are that negotiations will culminate prior to the June election and that a bond including transportation, levees, schools and other infrastructure needs can be ready for November.

CMA Adopts Legislative Advocacy Principles for Highway Toll Facilities

At its March meeting, the CMA Board adopted the following principles relating to State legislation that would authorize highway toll facilities:

1. Toll facilities in California should be publicly owned, with a public entity retaining control even if the facility is privately financed and/or operated under contract.
2. Public-private partnerships for the financing of toll facilities should be encouraged.
3. Net revenues from toll facilities must benefit the users of the facility and remain in the corridor in which the facility operates.
4. Authorizing legislation should permit net revenues to be used on a wide array of corridor improvements and services.
5. To provide users and the public with confidence that net revenues will be used for improved facilities and services in the corridor, an oversight board composed of representatives of the affected jurisdictions is essential.

6. Any new legislation authorizing toll facilities must not interfere with or supersede the existing authority for pilot projects currently in State law. These principles are in part based on the results of the CMA's polling and focus groups conducted as part of the I-680 Smart Carpool Lane pilot project. This work found that the largest factor affecting public support for the project was the knowledge that net revenues would be reinvested in the tolled corridor in the form of improvements and services.

CMA Allocates Funds to Design Sound Walls on I-580 in Oakland and San Leandro

At the March meeting, the CMA Board approved additional CMA funds to complete the design of freeway soundwalls along I-580 in San Leandro (Estudillo to 141st) and Oakland (14th and Ardley). The CMA has received consultant proposals to complete this design work. Based on a review of the Caltrans work completed to date and the consultant proposals, an adjustment to the design budget was needed. Design will commence this year. The San Leandro sound walls are scheduled for construction in 2007-8.

Altamont Commuter Express Service Plan Presented to CMA

At the March CMA Board meeting, ACE staff reviewed the proposed service plan for 2006-7. ACE plans to expand service with a fourth mid-day train that will be funded with mitigation funding from a freeway improvement project in San Joaquin County. ACE staff also reviewed the proposed fare increases that are under

discussion, the first substantial revision to the fare structure since the inception of the service in 1997. Additional information on the service can be found on the ACCMA website or the ACE website at www.acerail.com.

CMA Adopts 2006-7 Budget and Work Program

At its March meeting, the CMA adopted its 2006-07 work program and budget. Copies of the budget and work program are available at the CMA offices.

Legislation

AB 2444 (Klehs) – This bill would authorize the congestion management agencies in the Bay Area, by a 2/3 vote, to impose an annual fee of up to \$5 per registered vehicle for transportation projects and programs. The bill would also authorize the Air District to impose an annual fee of up to \$5 per registered vehicle to mitigate the environmental impacts of motor vehicles. The proceeds of this fee would be distributed to the Air District and the Water Quality Control Board. The Board supports this bill and is seeking amendments to increase the return to source by county for the \$5 environmental mitigation fee and to provide broader project eligibility for the transportation funding.

SB 1611 (Simitian) – This bill would authorize congestion management agencies throughout the State to impose, by a 2/3 vote, an annual fee of up to \$20 per registered vehicle for transportation projects and programs. The bill would require a specific program with performance measures and a budget prior to imposing the fee. The CMA supports this bill.

Deadlines to Note

Lifeline Transportation Program (approx. \$5 million)

Deadline for Project Submittals April 28, 2006
Draft Program June 22, 2006
Final Program July 27, 2006

Combined Measure B Bicycle-Pedestrian Program, Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Program & TFCA Eligible Projects (\$9 million)
Call for Projects Spring 2006
Deadline for Project Submittals Summer 2006

Regional Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Program (\$18 million region-wide)
Call for Projects by MTC April 2006
Deadline for Submittals to MTC June 2006

Upcoming Meetings

<i>April</i>	<i>4 CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>10 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>10 CMA Plans & Programs Committee</i>
	<i>10 I-680 Smart Carpool Lane JPA</i>
	<i>26/27 CTC (Fresno)</i>
	<i>27 CMA Board Meeting</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>2 CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>8 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>8 CMA Plans & Programs Committee</i>
	<i>tbd I-680 Smart Carpool Lane JPA</i>
	<i>12 Tri Valley Triangle Study Policy Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>25 CMA Board Meeting</i>

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